

# PLANNING DIVISION

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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## PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply". Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

## USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NONPROJECT PROPOSALS:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions (actions involving decisions on policies, plans and programs), the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. **BACKGROUND**

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

*Shoreline Master Program Update (2009)*

2. Name of applicant:

*City of Renton.*

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

*October 5, 2009*

*amended March 2010 etc to update references changed due to numbering changes in the draft + to note where supporting documents were updated + revised. etc*

5. Agency requesting checklist:

*City of Renton*

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

*N/A*

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

*N/A*

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

*Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis, October 2009 and Cumulative Impact Analysis, October 2009. <sup>both</sup> updated ~~2009~~ 2010 etc March*

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

*N/A*

10. List any governmental approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

*City Council adoption followed by approval by the Washington State Department of Ecology.*

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site.

*The proposal is the adoption of a new Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The SMP establishes City policies and regulations for the use, development, protection, and restoration of shorelines within Renton City limits. In addition, the program includes proposed policies and regulations for shorelines within unincorporated King County and within Renton's potential annexation area, and for a strip of land along Lake*

Washington (north of Renton City limits, south of Bellevue city limits, and west of Newcastle city limits) that is within unincorporated King County but not assigned to any potential annexation area. These areas within unincorporated King County have been included in Renton's SMP because they have the potential to be annexed into the City prior to the next major update of the SMP.

Shorelines under the jurisdiction of the state Shoreline Management Act within the City of Renton or its planning area include:

Lake Washington (also a shoreline of statewide significance (SWSS))

Lake Desire

Cedar River

Green River

Black River

May Creek

Springbrook Creek

Shoreline Jurisdiction in each of these areas may be defined as all areas within 200 feet of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of water body and any associated wetlands, it also includes any floodplain areas within 200 feet of a floodway, even if such areas are greater than 200 feet from OHWM.

## B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

### 1. EARTH

- a. General description of the site (circle one); flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

*Lake Washington- flat, rising into hills just beyond shoreline jurisdiction in several places.*

*Lake Desire- flat.*

*Cedar River- flat, rising into hills just beyond shoreline jurisdiction in several places.*

*Green River- flat.*

*Black River- flat.*

*May Creek- flat.*

*Springbrook Creek- relatively flat west of I-405, east of I-405 the watercourse runs through hilly terrain that decreases in elevation from east to west. Also east of I-405, the creek is set within a channel characterized by steep slopes at some points along its course.*

*Please refer to map 3 Topography of the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis for more information.*

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope?)

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

*Soils in these sites vary, please refer to map 4-B Surficial Geology of the Final Inventory and Analysis for more information.*

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

*Lake Washington- south and east banks are considered subject seismic hazards according to Renton critical areas maps.*

*Lake Desire- the east bank is considered subject to erosion and landslide hazards according to Renton critical areas maps.*

*Cedar River- this area is considered subject to multiple hazards including seismic, erosion, and landslides according to Renton critical areas maps. In 2001 there was a landslide caused by the Nisqually earthquake that blocked a portion of the Cedar River.*

*Green River- the portions of this jurisdiction within City limits are considered subject to seismic hazards according to Renton critical areas maps.*

*Black River- the entire jurisdiction is considered subject to seismic hazards according to Renton critical areas maps.*

*May Creek- the entire jurisdiction is considered subject to seismic hazards, and the portion east of I-405 is also considered subject to erosion and landslide hazards according to Renton critical areas maps.*

*Springbrook Creek- the entire jurisdiction is considered subject to seismic hazards according to Renton critical areas maps.*

*More information can be found on map 4-A Landslide, Erosion, and Seismic Hazard Areas Map 4-A of the Final Inventory and Analysis for more information.*

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Filling and excavation within the shoreline is limited to the minimum extent necessary to accommodate an approved shoreline use or development, and only with the assurance of no net loss of ecological function under the proposed regulations.*

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Erosion hazards are proposed to be addressed using existing critical areas regulations and city-wide regulations such as the clearing and grading code. Risks of erosion from proposed clearing, construction, or use, will be evaluated on a project specific basis.*

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Impervious surfaces within the shoreline are limited based on shoreline environment in the proposed shoreline bulk standards, as shown in ~~table 6-09~~ of the draft. In addition, the proposed draft requires and encourages the creation of vegetation conservation buffers, which in many cases will reduce impervious surface on a project specific basis. Information on current levels of impervious surface coverage can be found on map 8-D Impervious Surface and map 8-E Land Cover from the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis.*

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- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Please see answers above.*

**2. AIR**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emission or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

**3. WATER**

**a. Surface Water:**

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed plan directly addresses surface water bodies and their adjacent lands and wetlands, including: Lake Washington, Lake Desire, Cedar River, Green River, Black River, Springbrook Creek, and May Creek. These are all year-round water bodies. There are also year round and seasonal streams and wetlands that are associated with water bodies addressed by the SMP, some named and some unnamed. Please see Map 3-A Water Bodies and Wetlands of the Final Shoreline Inventory and Assessment for further information.*

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed SMP directly addresses policies and regulations for projects requiring work in, over, and adjacent to the described waters. In general, a buffer of vegetation will be required adjacent to the shoreline, except for where water-dependent uses are located. On most properties, land alteration and structures will take place outside of the buffer.*

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed SMP strictly limits filling and dredging. Filling and excavation within the shoreline is limited to the minimum*

extent necessary to accommodate an approved shoreline use or development, and only with the assurance of no net loss of ecological function under the proposed regulations. Dredging is only permitted in cases where the proposal and any necessary mitigation results in no net loss of ecological function and where one of the following purposes is served: maintaining navigation, flood control, an approved restoration project, the development of a water dependent use where no feasible alternative exists, maintenance of public parks and public access to shorelines, maintenance of existing, legally established boat moorage slips, minor trenching for underground pipes or cables where there is no alternative, remedial action plan under the Model Toxics Control Act, or to correct water quality problems that are adversely affecting aquatic life or recreational areas.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The SMP is not expected to change the amount of overall development in Renton and the related demand for water.*

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year flood plain? If so, note location on the site plan.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. By definition, the proposed SMP addresses the shoreline area, which includes portions of the 100-year flood plain. This includes areas of the shoreline along the Cedar River, Green River, Black River, Springbrook Creek, and May Creek. Please see the following maps from the Final Shoreline Inventory and Assessment for more information: 4-D FEMA Floodplain, 4-E Cedar River Floodplain, 4-F Black River, Green River, Springbrook Creek Floodplain, and 4-G May Creek Floodplain.*

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

**b. Ground Water:**

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

**c. Water Runoff (including storm water):**

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters, If so, describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- 2) Could waste material enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposal introduces measures to reduce and control storm water impacts including the restoration of natural drainage systems and requiring engineered storm water systems to be located as far from the water's edge as feasible and outside of required vegetation conservation buffers. All development must comply with current storm water regulations, and will be evaluated on a project specific basis to ensure no net loss of ecological functions.*

#### 4. PLANTS

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- ☒ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- ☒ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- ☒ shrubs
- ☒ grass
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☒ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☒ water plants: water lily, eel grass, milfoil, other
- ☒ other types of vegetation

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed SMP encourages and requires the conservation and restoration of native shoreline vegetation for the purposes of maintaining and restoring shoreline ecological functions, as well as to mitigate for the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of shoreline development.*

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed SMP encourages and requires the conservation and restoration of native shoreline vegetation. Vegetation conservation standards have been proposed for every reach of the shoreline in table 8.01 of the draft SMP.*

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## 5. ANIMALS

- a. Circle any birds and animals, which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: ~~hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other~~

Mammals: ~~deer, bear, elk, beaver, other~~

Fish: ~~bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other~~

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. More information is available in the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis, on maps 5-A Fish Distribution, 5-B Spawning, Rearing or Presence of Salmonids and Salmon Stock Inventory, 5-C Wildlife Heritage Points and Bald Eagle Nesting Areas.*

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

*Lake Washington- Osprey, and several species of salmon and trout.*

*Cedar River- Bald Eagles and several species of salmon and trout.*

*Black River, Green River, and Springbrook Creek- Bald Eagles, Great Blue Heron and several species of salmon and trout.*

*May Creek- Osprey, and several species of salmon and trout.*

*More information is available in the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis, on maps 5-A Fish Distribution, 5-B Spawning, Rearing or Presence of Salmonids and Salmon Stock Inventory, 5-C Wildlife Heritage Points and Bald Eagle Nesting Areas.*

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Lake Washington, Cedar River, Green River, Black River, Springbrook Creek, and May Creek are part of established migration routes for several species of salmon and trout. More information is available in the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis, on map 5-B Spawning, Rearing or Presence of Salmonids and Salmon Stock Inventory.*

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. One of the major purposes of the proposed SMP is to preserve and enhance the ecological function of shorelines within the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act, which directly and indirectly preserves and enhances conditions for wildlife. This is accomplished in a number of ways, including the adoption of policies and regulations that control uses, establish development standards, and establish standards for vegetation conservation and habitat restoration.*

## 6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed policies and regulations would encourage and require the planting of new (native) vegetation within and adjacent to the shoreline. New vegetation could potentially affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties. However, the type of vegetation selected is determined on a project specific basis, and impacts on the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties can be evaluated and mitigated on a project specific basis.*

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- a. Are there any **environmental health hazards**, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

### **b. Noise**

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

## **8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE**

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

*Not applicable, Non-project action. The current uses within shoreline jurisdiction are varied.*

*Lake Washington- single-family and multi-family residential, recreational, open space, industrial, and commercial.*

*Lake Desire- single-family residential, recreational, and open space.*

*Cedar River- single-family and multi-family residential, recreational, open space, commercial and industrial.*

*Black River- commercial, recreational, open space, and industrial.*

*Green River- industrial and commercial.*

*May Creek- Multi-family and single-family residential, open space, recreational.*

*Springbrook Creek- industrial, commercial, open space, recreational.*

*More information is available in the Final Inventory and Analysis, see map 1-A Lake Washington and May Creek Reaches, 1-B Cedar River Reaches, 1-C Green River, Springbrook Creek, Green River Reaches, and 1-D Lake Desire Reaches.*

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Structures within shoreline jurisdiction include those consistent with existing land uses including: single-family homes; multi-family housing structures ranging from two to 200 units; commercial structures including those built as offices and for retail and the Virginia Mason Athletic Facility and Seahawks Corporate Headquarters; recreational buildings including those for storage, picnicking, and general use; industrial facilities including those for light, medium, and heavy manufacturing and the Renton Municipal Airport. There are also a series of over water and in water structures associated with piers, docks, bulkheads, and public access. Specific information about over water and in water structures in Lake Washington is shown on the following Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis maps: Shoreline Modifications maps: 11-A – 11-H.*

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed regulations would require structures currently not in compliance with the proposed development standards to be brought into full conformity if there is a major remodel of the structure. This may result in the demolition of some structures, or parts of structures at a future date. The proposed regulations also require the removal of bulkheads, in water and over water structures when minor and moderate remodeling projects are proposed. Exact details are available in the proposed draft in section 4-10-095.*

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

*Lake Washington- Renton zoning includes Commercial/Office/Residential (COR), Residential eight units per net acre (R-8), Residential one unit per net acre (R-1), Urban Center North 2 (UC-N2), and Medium Industrial (IM) and King County zoning Residential six units per acre (R-6) and Residential 48 units per acre (R-48). Lake Desire- King County zoning is R-6.*

*Cedar River- Renton zoning includes IM, UC-N2, Light Industrial (IL), R-8, Residential ten units per net acre (R-10), Residential Multi-Family Urban (RM-U), Commercial Arterial (CA), COR, Resource Conservation (RC), Commercial*

*Neighborhood (CN) and King County zoning includes Residential one unit per acre (R-1) and Urban Reserve (UR).*

*Black River- Renton zoning includes RC, IM, Heavy Industrial (IH), and Commercial Office (CO).*

*Green River- Renton zoning is IM.*

*Springbrook Creek- Renton zoning includes: IM, IL, IH, RC, CA, and CO.*

*May Creek- COR, R-8, RC, R-1, CA, and CN.*

*Further information is available on the following maps from the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis: Map 8-A Renton Zoning, Map 8-B King County Zoning.*

f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

*Lake Washington- Renton designations include Commercial/Office/Residential (COR), Residential Single-Family (RS), Residential Low Density (RLD), Urban Center- North (UC-N), Employment Area- Industrial (EA-I) and King County Urban Residential High (UH) and Urban Residential Medium (UM).*

*Lake Desire- King County designation is UM.*

*Cedar River- Renton designations include EA-I, UC-N, Residential Medium Density (RMD), RS, Urban Center Downtown (UC-D), Commercial Corridor (CC), COR, RLD, Commercial Neighborhood (CN) and King County designations include Urban Residential Low (UL) and Greenbelt/Urban Separator (GB).*

*Black River- Renton designations include Employment Area- Valley (EA-V) and EA-I).*

*Green River- Renton designation is EA-V.*

*Springbrook Creek- Renton designation is EA-V.*

*May Creek- Renton designation include COR, CC, RS, RLD, and CN.*

*Further information is available on the following maps from the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis: Map 8- Renton Land Use and Map 8-C King County Comprehensive Land Use.*

g. **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Current Shoreline Master Program designations include:*

*Lake Washington- Renton Urban Environment and King County Urban Environment.*

*Lake Desire- King County Rural Environment.*

*Cedar River- Renton Urban Environment, with Conservancy Environment on the south bank from the old Stoneway site to City limits and King County Conservancy Environment.*

*Black River- Renton Natural Environment.*

*Green River- not designated in the current SMP.*

*Springbrook Creek- Renton Urban Environment, with Conservancy Environment in the areas of associated wetlands.*

*May Creek- Renton Urban Environment west of I-405 and Conservancy Environment east of I-405.*

*Proposed Shoreline Designations include:*

*Lake Washington- Shoreline Residential Environment in reaches A, B, D, E, G, and K, Urban Conservancy Environment on a portion of reach C, and Shoreline High Intensity Environment in reaches C, H, I, and J.*

*Lake Desire- Shoreline Residential Environment, with Urban Conservancy Environment at the north end of the lake.*

*Cedar River- Shoreline High Intensity Environment west of I-405, with a small area of Shoreline Isolated High Intensity Environment in reach B on the north*

bank, Shoreline High Intensity Environment on the north bank of western half of reach C with Shoreline Residential Environment on the eastern half of the north bank and Urban Conservancy Environment on the south bank of reach C and both banks of reach D.

Black River- Natural Environment.

Green River- Shoreline Isolated High Intensity Environment.

Springbrook Creek- Most of this creek is designated for Shoreline High Intensity Environment, with the exception of several sections designated Urban Conservancy Environment, associated with several wetlands and the wetland mitigation bank.

May Creek- Urban Conservancy Environment with portions west of I-405 in Shoreline High Intensity.

For more information, please consult the proposed Shoreline Environment Overlay Designation maps.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. By definition, shoreline areas contain wetlands associated with the subject water bodies. There may also be adjacent wetlands. For more information as to the reported location of wetlands, please consult Final Inventory and Analysis map 3-A Water Bodies and Wetlands. The extent of areas considered environmentally sensitive due to seismic hazards, landslide hazards, steep slopes, or erosion hazards is discussed in the section above on "earth." Sensitive areas due to the presence of endangered wildlife is also discussed above in the section on "animals." The Cedar River, for approximately the two eastern most miles of the planning area, is part of a Critical Aquifer Recharge Area, as shown in Map 4-C of the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis. Areas subject to flooding are discussed in the section above on "water." There are several sites of impaired water conditions due to Fecal Coliform on the south and east shores of Lake Washington and on Lake Desire. Map 7- Impaired Water of the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis details this condition. The former Quendell Terminals site, located in Lake Washington reach C, is also a designated superfund clean-up site under the national Environmental Protection Agency.*

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The policy section of the proposed SMP will be adopted as an element of the Renton Comprehensive Plan to ensure that shoreline and land use planning are consistent.*

**9. HOUSING**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

**10. AESTHETICS**

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed SMP would adopt controls for height within shoreline jurisdiction. Standards vary by shoreline environment designation, see ~~table 6.09~~ Shoreline Bulk Standards in the proposed draft.*

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed policies and regulations would encourage and require the planting of new (native) vegetation within and adjacent to the shoreline. New vegetation could potentially affect views by adjacent properties. However, the type of vegetation selected is determined on a project specific basis, and impacts on views and aesthetics can be evaluated and mitigated on a project specific basis.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

**11. LIGHT AND GLARE**

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

## 12. RECREATION

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Recreational opportunities in the immediate vicinity of the shorelines subject to this proposal include: use of hand powered and motorized watercraft, swimming, fishing, passive enjoyment, bird watching, active sports, pedestrian and bicycle trails, and golf-course. More information about park and trail facilities located in the immediate vicinity of the shoreline areas can be found on Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis map 12-A Parks and Trails, as well as Map 10-A, 10-B, and 10-C Public, Vacant, and Park Land.*

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. One of the policy goals of the proposed SMP is to increase opportunities for public recreation and access to the shoreline. In the proposed SMP two tables detail public access objectives and requirements by reach for all shorelines: Table 4.04 Public Access Objectives by Reach and Table 6.06 Public Access Requirements by Reach.*

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## 13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

*Lake Washington contains one inventoried site near the seaplane ramp at the Boeing Plant at the south end of the Lake.*

*Cedar River has two state and federally registered sites including the Renton Substation of the Snoqualmie Falls Power Company and the Renton Fire Station. There are also two inventoried site near the Cedar River including two hearths used by travelers along the River and historic debris from a manufacturing operation.*

*Black River and Springbrook Creek is the location of Duwamish settlement and villages and contains five related inventoried sites.*

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

*Lake Washington and other shoreline areas are part of the Duwamish Tribe's historic finishing area. The entire lake served as a cultural resource for the Tribe and other groups that harvested fish, game, and plant species in the area for*

generations. The Muckleshoot Tribe considers this area a high probability for archaeological resources and it is part of their fishing grounds.

Cedar River contains three ethnographic sites: Duwamish tribal fishing weir and trading ground, a Duwamish village site, and a historic trail called the Cedar River Pack Trail.

Green River is part of the Muckleshoot Tribal fishing grounds.

There are also

Black River and Springbrook Creek contains three ethnographic sites related to an extensive trail system that radiated from that area. It was an important source of medicinal and edible plants. It also is part of Muckleshoot Tribal fishing grounds.

May Creek contains two ethnographic sites including a Duwamish village and a portion of a historic trail used by Native Americans.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Impacts to potential cultural resources will be evaluated on a project specific basis. The proposed SMP includes policies and regulations that are oriented to maintaining and restoring shoreline ecological functions. This directly and indirectly enhances the environmental conditions to the benefit of fish and wildlife and tribal fishing.*

#### 14. TRANSPORTATION

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. Information about the public streets and highways serving the shoreline areas is available on Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis maps: 1- Shoreline Planning Area, 1-A Lake Washington and May Creek Reaches, 1-B Cedar River Reaches, 1-C Black River, Springbrook Creek and Green River Reaches, 1-D Lake Desire Reaches, 9-A Roads.*

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed SMP limits parking in the Shoreline Environment to only those facilities that are needed to support a preferred shoreline use.*

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private?

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed SMP limits new roads and streets within the shoreline unless necessary for access to a preferred use. There are also proposed performance standards that specify how roads and streets should be planned, located, and constructed to create the least possible impact on shorelines.*



- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. The proposed SMP is in the vicinity of several rail lines and the Renton Municipal Airport. For more information please consult the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis map 9-A Roads.*

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

## **15. PUBLIC SERVICES**

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

## **16. UTILITIES**

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action. All of the above utilities may be available at various sites within shoreline jurisdiction. Septic systems are not allowed in the City of Renton, but are allowed within unincorporated King County. See Sanitary Sewer System map 9-C and Sanitary Sewer System Structures map 9-D from the Final Shoreline Inventory and Analysis for more information.*

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

*Not Applicable, Non-project action.*

**C. SIGNATURE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true, correct, and complete. It is understood that the lead agency may withdraw any declaration of non-significance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part.

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wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains, or prime farmlands?

*One of the goals of the proposal is to protect and enhance environmentally sensitive area, threatened and endangered species habitat, wetlands, and flood plains as well as to increase public access to the shoreline through parks and open space. A discussion of how the proposal relates the protection of wildlife habitat appears above. Environmentally sensitive areas, including wetlands and floodplains, are included in the shoreline area by definition, and thus protected with proposed standards for setbacks and vegetation conservation buffers, limitations on uses, and standards intended to reduce the intensity of adjacent development. New provisions for non-conforming property require existing non-conforming uses to begin to come into compliance with the policies and development standards of the SMP when minor and moderate alterations are made to the property. This should incrementally result in better protection, and even enhancement, of environmentally sensitive areas (such as near shore habitat), which under the current standards are only required to fully comply with SMP regulations when there is a major alteration to the property. For more information on the cumulative impacts of this proposal, please see the Cumulative Impact Analysis (October 2009). In addition to the policies and regulations in the proposal, the City has also proposed a Restoration Plan that contains a list of projects that would enhance environmentally sensitive areas.*

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Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

*See above.*

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

*The majority of Renton's shorelines are in a highly developed condition. Most of these shorelines have been designated as High Intensity or Shoreline Residential Environments. One of the goals of the Shoreline Management Act is to balance the development of shorelines for water oriented uses with public access and no net loss of ecological function. Single-family is considered a priority use, although not water oriented. Although not all of the uses currently developed within the shoreline are water oriented or single-family, the proposed regulations would prevent new non-water oriented uses unless such uses provided for enhanced public access to the shoreline and/or restored shoreline ecological functions. In addition, new provisions for non-conforming property require existing non-conforming uses to begin to come into compliance with the policies and development standards of the SMP when minor and moderate alterations are made to the property. Such measures should incrementally result in increased protection and enhancement of Renton's shoreline.*

*There are some shorelines that are not currently highly developed, including: the Black River Riparian Forest, portions of the Cedar River and May Creek (east of I-405), a portion of Lake Desire, and portions of Springbrook Creek (primarily restored wetland areas). Areas that are currently not highly developed have been proposed to be designated as Natural or Urban Conservancy Environments. As much of this land is already devoted to parks and open space, it is both a compatible designation with existing land and shoreline use and expected to continue to be compatible.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

*See above.*

#### D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEETS FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(These sheets should only be used for actions involving decisions on policies, plans and programs. You do not need to fill out these sheets for project actions.)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

*The proposal is intended to limit and prevent such impacts through the adoption of policies and regulations for shoreline areas in the City of Renton and the planning area.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

*Not applicable.*

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

*One of the major purposes of the proposed SMP is to preserve and enhance the ecological function of shorelines within the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act, which directly and indirectly preserves and enhances conditions for plants, animals, fish, and marine life. This is accomplished in a number of ways, including the adoption of policies and regulations that control uses, establish development standards, and establish standards for vegetation conservation and habitat restoration. The proposed SMP encourages and requires the conservation and restoration of native shoreline vegetation for the purposes of maintaining and restoring shoreline ecological functions, as well as to mitigate for the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of shoreline development. Vegetation conservation standards have been proposed for every reach of the shoreline in table 8.01 of the draft SMP. The proposal also includes an associated Restoration plan, which enumerates a number of projects specifically targeted at preserving and enhancing plants and wildlife.*

*Table 4-3-090 F31 etc*

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

*See above.*

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

*Not applicable.*

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

*Not Applicable.*

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks,

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

*Not applicable.*

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

*Not Applicable.*

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

*These proposals are compatible with requirements for the protection of the environment.*

### **SIGNATURE**

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